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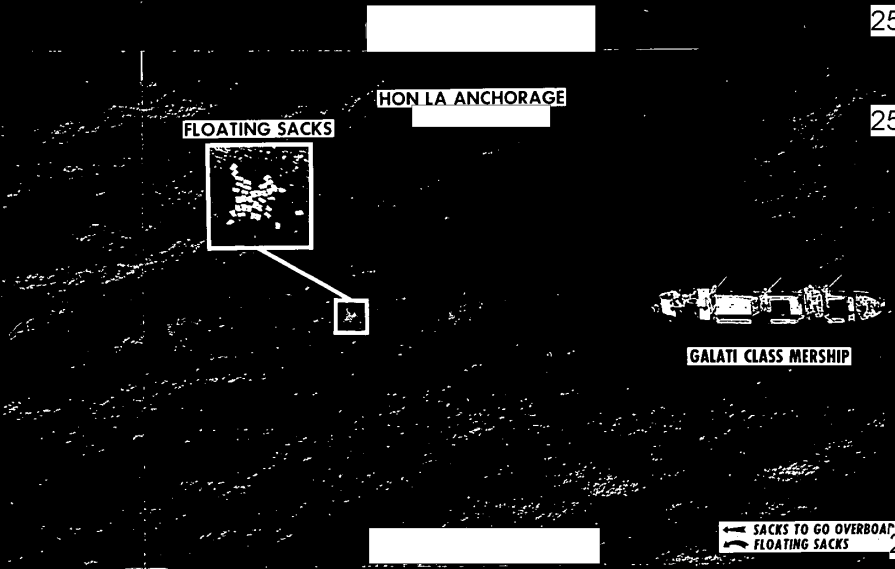
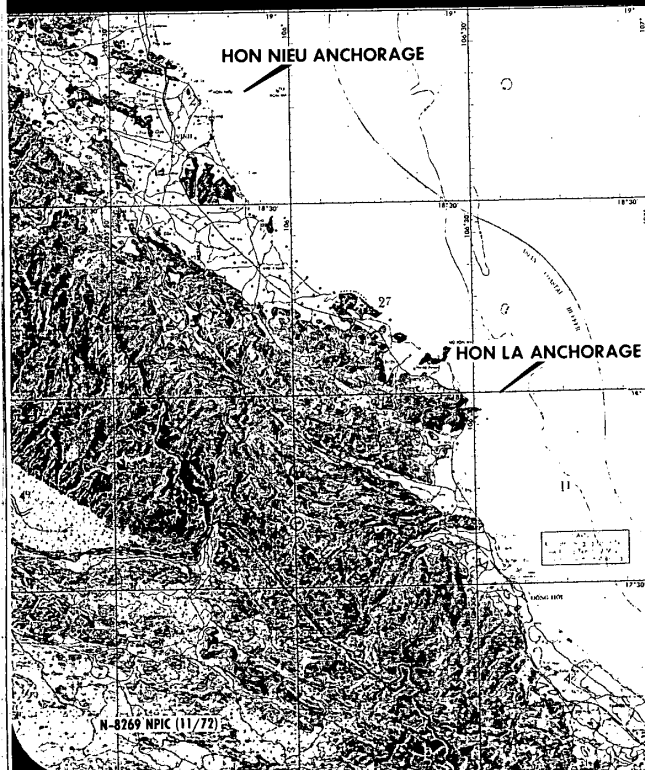
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FLOATING SUPPLIES HON LA ANCHORAGE, NORTH VIETNAM



HON LA ANCHORAGE

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HON LA ANCHORAGE

FLOATING SACKS

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GALATI CLASS MERSHIP

SACKS TO GO OVERBOARD
FLOATING SACKS

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REFERENCE TO:



FLOATING SUPPLIES
HON LA ANCHORAGE
NORTH VIETNAM

SACKS ON BEACH
HON LA ISLAND
NORTH VIETNAM

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

SUPPLIES FLOATING FROM CHINESE COMMUNIST
MERSHIP IN THE HON LA ANCHORAGE OFF SOUTHERN
COAST OF NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

HON LA ANCHORAGE IS LOCATED AT 17-55-47N
106-31-40E, IN THE VICINITY OF HON LA ISLAND,
68 NAUTICAL MILES (NM) NORTH OF THE DMZ AND
APPROXIMATELY HALF WAY BETWEEN VINH AND THE
DMZ.

3. BACKGROUND:

PRIOR TO THE US MINING OF NORTH VIETNAMESE
PORTS AND ANCHORAGES, THE CHINESE COMMUNIST
MERCHANT VESSELS EXPERIENCED LITTLE DIFFICULTY
IN LIGHTERING SUPPLIES DELIVERED TO SOUTHERN
ANCHORAGES OF NORTH VIETNAM. SINCE THE MINING
AND THE INTENSIFIED ATTACKS, INCLUDING DESTRUC-
TION OF LIGHTERING CRAFT, CHINESE DELIVERIES

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WARNING NOTICE
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3. BACKGROUND:
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TO THE TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE ANCHORAGES AT
HON NIEU AND HON LA HAVE BEEN HAMPERED.
THE TURN-AROUND TIMES FOR THESE DELIVERIES
HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED DUE TO THIS
INTERFERENCE. CHINESE MERCHANT VESSELS HAVE,
HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO MAKE DELIVERIES TO THE
ANCHORAGES.

4. COLLATERAL:

THE USS CLEVELAND RECOVERED SACKS OF RICE
FLOATING DOWN THE WIND LINE FROM THE HON LA
ANCHORAGE ON 18 AUGUST 1972. EACH SACK
WEIGHED 118 POUNDS. THE PACKAGING OF EACH
RICE BUNDLE CONSISTED OF TWO BURLAP SACKS AND
TWO PLASTIC BAGS. THE PLASTIC BAGS CONSTITUTED
THE SECOND AND THIRD LAYER OF THE PACKAGING
WITH THE BURLAP SACKS BEING THE INNER AND OUTER
COVERINGS. LETTERING ON THE BURLAP (BOTH
CHINESE AND VIETNAMESE) INDICATED THE CONTENTS
WERE UNHUSKED RICE. HAND HELD PHOTOGRAPHS
TAKEN ON 25 JULY 1972 SHOWED BAGS STACKED ON

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4. COLLATERAL:
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THE BEACH OF HON LA ISLAND.

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5. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALED EVIDENCE THAT THE CHINESE ARE FLOATING SACKS
OF MATERIALS FROM THEIR MERCHANT VESSELS AT HON LA ANCHORAGE. (THIS
ACTIVITY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED ON PREVIOUS MISSIONS AS WELL) A GALATI CLASS
MERSHIP WAS AT ANCHOR AT HON LA ON [REDACTED] AN EXCESS OF 100 SACKS
WERE IN THE WATER FLOATING TOWARD SHORE. ADDITIONAL BUNDLES OF SUPPLIES
WERE OBSERVED ON THE DECK OF THE VESSELS. TWO OPEN HOLDS OF THE VESSEL
APPEARED EMPTY. THE BOOMS WERE OUTBOARD. SIMILAR ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED
ON [REDACTED] ON THIS DATE, HUNDREDS OF BUNDLES WERE FLOATING SEAWARD
FROM A GALATI CLASS MERSHIP AT ANCHOR AT HON LA. TWO HOLDS WERE OPEN
AND ADDITIONAL SACKS WERE VISIBLE. THIS SAME RECONNAISSANCE MISSION
REVEALED NUMEROUS SACKS SCATTERED AND STACKED ON THE BEACH AT HON LA
ISLAND. NO LIGHTERING CRAFT OR SMALL LOGISTICS CRAFT WERE NOTED IN THE
ANCHORAGE ON EITHER MISSION.

(NOTE: IT IS NOT KNOWN WHY THERE WAS AN APPARENT DELIBERATE EFFORT TO
FLOAT THE SACKS OF MATERIAL SEAWARD AS OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] IT IS
POSSIBLE THAT A KNOWLEDGE AND USE OF TIDAL OR CURRENT ACTIONS COULD BE

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5. MISSION READOUT: (CONT'D)

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ENLARGEMENTS : VESSELS - 7X, SACKS - 30X (INSET)
SACKS ON ISLAND - 20X

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